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Good Nonfiction

For reference use

†Whipple, L. R. How to understand current events. Harper $2.50 **070**

A practical "how-to-do primer" for the average person who seeks a guide to an appraisal of the news to the end that he may not be deceived. The author, professor of journalism in New York University, offers simple rules designed to explain how to discover and appraise what is important, how to use the newspaper, the radio and the moving picture, and how to avoid the false views derived from irrational prejudice. Index.

Child Study and Religion

Boettiger, E. F. Your child meets the world outside. Appleton-Century $2 **136.7**

Written in terms of the new education which emphasizes the part which direct experience plays in social learning, this suggestive and stimulating volume serves to acquaint parents and teachers with the child's world and to assist them in guiding the child in his attitude toward the world of nature, of machinery, of people and the outside community world. Illustrative photographs, taken in schools pioneering in this type of education. Index.

†Brown, W. A. A creed for free men; a study of loyalties. Scribner $2.50 **230**

Raising the question whether one reason for the plight in which the world finds itself may not be the lack of a unifying creed, Doctor Brown, for many years associated with Union Theological Seminary, with cogency and sincere conviction and in simple language discusses the inescapable realities to be found in the Christian faith, which make it possible for man in these tragic times "to achieve security, maintain courage, keep hope alive and find inner peace." Suggestions for further reading. Index.

Buttrick, G. A. Prayer. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press $2.75 **248**

Writing out of a profound conviction that "prayer is the pulse of Life" and in the belief that he "has found the beginnings of the trail that will lead prayer out of the killing shadow of the *false totalitarianism* of the scientific theory of the world," the author, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York, first studies the world's need and the prayer life of Jesus, then Prayer and the world, and Prayer and personality, and finally he considers a Way of private prayer and a Way of corporate prayer. Notes, index.

Wieman, R. W. (*Mrs* H. N. Wieman). The family lives its religion: Creating the family, and The creative family. Harper $2 **249**

How can a modern family go about setting up the conditions and arrangements that will promote effective religious living? In a practical and helpful way Doctor Wieman, a consulting psychologist, makes a study of "the place and value of religion in child growth and family fulfilment." Related references, additional resources, index.

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

Economics, Education, Sociology, Political Science etc.

†**Brogan, D. W.** Politics and law in the United States. (Current problems ser.) Macmillan $1.25 **342.73**

An English political scientist describes and illustrates succinctly and with sound insight one particular aspect of American institutions, "the extraordinary place given to written law in the organization of American government and politics." The account takes up the Constitution, Parties, President and Congress, and the political role of the Supreme Court. Mr Brogan feels it is useful, "at a time when we are perplexed by the problem of organizing a peaceful Europe, to call attention to the successful solutions adopted by America." Index.

†**Corbett, P. E.** Post-war worlds. (Institute of Pacific relations inquiry ser.) Farrar $2 **341.1**

In this thought-provoking, judicious and timely volume, a professor of international law at McGill University "examines the causes of the breakdown of the international institutions set up after the last war, provides a summary of recent thought on ways and means of creating a more effective community of states in the future, analyzes the principal problems of authority and structure involved in supranational organization, and finally sketches the essential agencies of an incipient world commonwealth." Bibliography, index.

†**Davis, Forrest.** The Atlantic system; the story of Anglo-American control of the seas. Reynal $3 **327.73**

A well-documented, comprehensive and factual survey of Anglo-American relations during the last half-century and of the rise of the United States as a sea power in the Atlantic system up to the epochal conference at sea of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in August 1941 and their formulation of the eight principles of the Atlantic Charter. The Atlantic Declaration is given in appendix. Sources and bibliography, index.

Edman, Irwin, & Schneider, H. W. Fountainheads of freedom; the growth of the democratic idea. Reynal $3.75 **323.4**

"What is cherished and what is cherishable in the democratic faith are best understood by seeing how the idea has lived and grown from the Old Testament prophets to the prophets of later ages . . ." For the clarification of the origins and the implication of the democratic idea, Mr Edman has written an excellent introductory commentary, and with his collaborator has chosen "crucial statements and documents illustrating the vitality and the expansion of the basic democratic themes"; the essay is intended to make the source materials understandable as well as to be illustrated by them. Among the original fountainheads of freedom chosen are extracts from the works of Euripides, Aristotle, Cicero, Calvin, Thomas Hobbes, Rousseau, Mill, Emerson, Abraham Lincoln, Henry George and John Dewey. Index.

Fraser, C. E. & Teele, S. F., *eds.* Industry goes to war. McGraw $1.50 **338**

American industrial rearmament discussed authoritatively in a series of articles, all of which have been published previously in various issues of the *Harvard Business Review.* Among the 11 chapters are Mobilizing industry for war, Guns and butter, Gearing a business for national defense, Food in a world at war, Minerals and war, War-time labor productivity, Negotiated contracts and others. Preceding each paper is a brief paragraph of information concerning the author and his work. Maps. National defense reading list. Sources of current information on national defense.

Lorwin, L. L. Economic consequences of the second World War. Random House $3 **330.904**

An objective "survey and analysis of the social-economic ideas and programs which underlie the present war and which will emerge as issues of practical politics when the war is ended. The volume is an analytical critique of facts and trends as they affect policy and action, and an attempt to integrate the wide variety of current discussions on the war and post-war readjustments in such a way as to bring out their historical antecedents, their interrelations and their bearing on the essential problems of social and economic progress." From Introduction. Index.

McWilliams, Carey. Ill fares the land. Little $3 **331.709**

The author of the significant book, *Factories in the field,* is concerned, in this equally important and discerning volume, with two types of agricultural migrants: the depression or removal migrants displaced from agriculture and set adrift on the land, and the migratory worker who for years has been following an established migratory route; both groups the victims of the industrial revolution in agriculture. McWilliams discusses the important and basic changes in California agriculture; demonstrates that what has happened in California has its counterpart today in other sections of the country; makes a study of migrants, and of changes worked by the industrial revolution in certain areas, and takes up the general aspects of industrial change in agriculture, agricultural migrations in general, and a consideration of ways and means of coping with the problem. Adapted from the Introduction. Map on end papers. Bibliography, index.

Mitchell, K. L. Japan's industrial strength. (Institute of Pacific relations inquiry ser.) Knopf $1.50 **338**

Of vital interest, and most timely, this is an appraisal and analysis of Japan's "industrial sinews of war" based on the latest information available in both English and Japanese language publications. Industrial resources of Japanese "occupied" areas in China discussed in appendix. Tables. Index.

†Nevins, Allan. America in world affairs. (The world to-day). Oxford Univ. Press $1 **327.73**

A concise, sound and stimulating digest of the history of America's recent foreign policy, under the following headings: Traditions and principles, Men and controls, Zones of warmth, Isolationism, Nationalist vs. internationalist, Democracy at bay, The war and after. The text of the "Atlantic Charter" is given in appendix. Reading list.

Padelford, N. J. The Panama Canal in peace and war. Macmillan $3 **383.44**

That the Panama Canal is a matter of great concern to America today makes this volume by a professor of international law at the Fletcher School of law and diplomacy particularly valuable. The author, whose study was sponsored by the Bureau of international research, Harvard University and Radcliffe College, describes "the canal as a going concern," and shows "how it functions in peace and war." Many officials of the United States Government assisted in gathering information, in the elucidation of difficult problems and in enabling Professor Padelford to study canal affairs intimately. Two maps. Chart, tables, graphs. Index.

Polier, *Mrs* **J. W.** Everyone's children, nobody's child. Scribner $2.75 **362.7**

For several years Children's Court Judge of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York, the author, out of her experience and wisdom, discusses the problems connected with underprivileged and dependent children in the United States. Stories of the child before the court, his history and his problems are presented, and what actually happened over a period of years to a group of children removed from home by the court is reviewed. The child welfare machinery and facilities of New York City are described in detail, and their weaknesses pointed out, while the need of national leadership in the problems of child welfare is emphasized. Map. Photographs. References, bibliography, index.

†Rougemont, Denis de, & Muret, Charlotte. The heart of Europe. Duell $2.50 **342.494**

"Neither a guide book nor a history," this lucid, warmly appreciative volume is a description of how one people has managed to remain free and diverse yet united." In their discussion of Swiss history and Swiss character, of the political and economic structure of the country, its intellectual life and its army, the authors, who believe that federalism is "the most vital necessity of the future," use Switzerland as the illustration and example of the truly federal state. Madame Muret is a lecturer in history at Barnard College. Denis de Rougemont is an historian and philosopher. Index.

Ziemer, G. A. Education for death; the making of the Nazi. Oxford Univ. Press $2 **370.943**

Knowing that "the Nazi schools were the real cradles and incubators of Nazi ideology," the author, then director of the American Colony school in Berlin, decided to ascertain what methods were being used and what spirit prevailed in them. This is his eye-witness report of his visits, made possible by a permit from the Ministry of Education, to institutions of every nature: pre-natal Nazi clinics, sterilization hospitals, schools for the feeble-minded, for boys and girls of all ages, and universities. The diabolical efficiency of Hitler's system of training for conquest, of instilling in German youth the spirit of fanatical and arrogant hatred for democracy, of willingness to die for the Fuehrer is clearly proven in a significant document which quotes official Nazi sources. Bibliography. Abbreviations, translation of German words.

Natural Science

†**Beebe, William.** Book of bays. Harcourt $3.50 **508.72**

Prowling along 3000 miles of Pacific coast from Mexico to Colombia, on the yacht "Zaca," Beebe and other members of the 1937–38 expedition of the Department of Tropical Research of the New York Zoological Society explored the rocky tide pools, the life of the beaches and the unreal world of mangrove swamps, anchoring in the countless bays along the way. The narrative fairly tingles with the author's "unquenchable desire to know more of the lives . . . of certain wild creatures of sea and land." Some chapters have appeared previously in magazines. Map of the expedition. Photographs. List of published scientific articles relating to the expedition and text identification in appendixes, index.

†**Carson, R. L.** Under the sea-wind. Simon $3 **591.92**

Making the sea, with its power of life and death over all its creatures, the central character of this series of vivid, authentic descriptive narratives, the author, a biologist, unfolds in successive chapters the life of bird and fish on a stretch of North Carolina seacoast from spring to fall; a parallel picture of the same period of time on the open ocean, centered in the story of a young mackerel, and finally the remarkable history of the eel. Eight full-page illustrations by Howard Frech supplement the text. Glossary contains sketch drawings and identifies and describes over a hundred animals and plants of the sea.

†**Deck, R. S.** Pageant in the sky; a book of the modern sport of bird-watching. Dodd $3 **598.2**

Zestfully, anecdotally yet with scientific accuracy the author writes of those "personable fellow-creatures" the birds, and of the ways in which bird-watching opens new vistas to the human mind. Here the layman becomes aware of the romance of nocturnal bird migrations, the thrill of watching glittering wild turkeys race across an orchard, the pleasure of spreading a winter dining table for the birds. Here too he becomes acquainted with the habits, songs and appearance of various birds and with the possibilities in bird-banding and bird sanctuaries. Decorated end papers, attractive photographs. Index.

†**Lutz, F. E.** A lot of insects; entomology in a suburban garden. Putnam $3 **595.7**

For the sake of photographing a butterfly at the moment it emerged from its pupal skin, the author carried, to the amusement of fellow travelers, the milkweed plant to which the pupa was attached and his camera on his train trips to his office. Such keenness of interest and eager enthusiasm is everywhere apparent in these chapters on the lives and habits of the insect "guests" found in the suburban garden of the curator of insects at the American Museum of Natural History. Doctor Lutz provocatively rouses curiosity in the reader and then with skill and humor presents a wide variety of information concerning his "pets." Profusely illustrated with photographs and drawings. Sources for further study of certain subjects. Index.

Useful Arts

Ahern, Eleanor. The way we wash our clothes. Barrows $2 **648.1**

Out of her background of experience in dealing with laundry problems, the author offers the home laundress expert advice on soaps and other washing agents, stain removal, laundry

equipment and planning, and ironing the weekly wash. The most important feature of the book, however, is the discussion of fabrics, how to identify them and the question of their washability, and the laundering of fine fabrics. Photographs, drawings. Index.

Gray, G. W. The advancing front of medicine. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $3 **610**

An authoritative review of the recent progress of medicine in certain areas of the vast field. Among the subjects of special interest to the average person are allergy, influenza, anxiety, sleep, pain, cancer and aging. In his consideration of problems which remain unsolved the author presents the ideas best supported by experimental evidence, and tells by whom and under what circumstances the findings have been made. As in his *Advancing front of science,* Mr Gray consulted specialists in the various fields. Nine of the chapters have appeared in *Harper's Magazine* and one in *Scribner's Commentator.* List of books and papers for further reading. Index.

†**Haynes, Williams.** This chemical age; the miracle of man-made materials. Knopf $3.50 **660**

Deals in sprightly, popular vein with all the new synthetic chemical products, "probably the most significant and certainly the most fascinating development of our times." The men who have made important contributions in research or in the development of these industries are linked with various products, whether in the range of chemotherapeutic agents, the synthetic fibers, the plastics or the lightweight alloys. Very little knowledge of chemistry is needed to understand the simple explanations given by the author, and such fundamentals are dispatched in the first two chapters. Sixteen photographs in full color. Charts. Short bibliography, index.

†**Hylander, C. J. & Harding, Robert, jr.** An introduction to television. Macmillan $2 **621.388**

In making television comprehensible to the intelligent layman the authors have used the historical method of approach, introducing the simplest aspects first and using them as foundation knowledge for succeeding aspects. "The growth of television as an idea is traced step by step until it logically culminates in the apparatus used today." The electrical principles involved in television are described as well as the present type of television camera, television broadcast and receiver. Mr Harding is a former president of the National Television Corporation. Mr Hylander is author of *World of plant life* etc. Chart of radio spectrum on end pages. Photographs, explanatory sketch drawings. Index.

†**Nissley, C. H.** Home vegetable gardening. Rutgers Univ. Press $1.50 **635**

The author, for many years extension horticulturist in vegetable growing at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, has combined in this valuable manual his own practical experience and a review of literature on the subject issued by the state agricultural colleges in the country as well as authoritative books, and bulletins of the United States Department of Agriculture. A simple yet comprehensive discussion of the fundamentals of vegetable growing is followed by a list of the most important vegetables with detailed instruction for the successful growing of each one, and other information on vitamin content and nutritional value etc. Sections are devoted to herb crops and seed and seed treatment. An excellent book in the present emergency and a contribution to the defense effort. Sketch drawings by Ruth Nissley.

†**Ott, Lester.** Aircraft spotter. Harcourt $1 *paper* **623.746**

A practical and useful handbook, which through photographs, drawings, silhouettes and text makes it possible to identify the principal combat planes of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan.

Pattee, A. F. Vitamins and minerals for everyone; Hazel E. Munsell, technical advisor. Putnam $2 **612.39**

A former instructor in dietetics and author of books on diet writes of vitamins and minerals in a book conveniently and simply arranged for quick reference. Each vitamin is discussed fully, with information on the amount of vitamins and of calcium, phosphorus and iron needed daily. Food tables are presented from which vitamins and mineral adequacy of a

diet can easily be determined, and the daily dietary allowances of each vitamin and mineral for both adult and child are given. Photographs.

Phillips, C. J. Glass: the miracle maker. Pitman $4.50 **666.1**

While intended primarily, but not exclusively, for the architect, the engineer, industrial designer and others who may see in glass a unique and versatile material full of unexplored possibilities for creating or improving products, this story of glass so far as possible has been treated in simple language with emphasis on the practical aspects, and will interest the scientifically-minded layman as an accurate, up-to-date and reasonably comprehensive account of the history and the technology of glass and numerous applications of it. Adapted in part from Foreword.

Charts, drawings and many excellent photographs closely keyed to the text. References at chapter ends. Index.

Prentiss, A. M. Civil air defense; a treatise on the protection of the civil population against air attack. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.75 **623.3**

The powers and limitations of modern air power are examined and the many and varied aspects of air raid defense so vital to every American today are described in this invaluable handbook by a lieutenant colonel, United States Army, who since 1917 has been detailed to the Chemical Warfare Service. The methods of protection against air attack are based upon the best modern practice in Europe. Photographs and illustrative drawings and diagrams. British official code governing construction of air raid shelter given in appendix. Abbreviations. Bibliography, index.

Air raid safety manual by B. W. Leyson (Dutton $1 *paper* **623.3**) is a concise, adequate but less comprehensive volume which discusses the different types of bombs, how they function and measures to be taken against them. There are chapters also on gas attacks and precautions against different kinds of gas, on air raid shelters, airplane spotting, air raid wardens and on rescue parties and clearance of débris. The book is a summary of air raid rules used in this country and the author has also considered the official procedure used by English air raid precaution authorities. Photograph frontispiece, illustrative drawings.

†Smith, H. L. Airways. Knopf $3.50 **629.13**

From the early days of experimentation when pilots lived spectacularly and died young testing the theories of the inventors, the author, lecturer in journalism at the University of Minnesota, paints the broad picture of commercial aviation in the United States up to the present time. He deals not only with the men who developed the system, but with all the clashes of interests, and with technicalities as well. Discussion of the development of lighter-than-air craft and of our foreign routes has been omitted from the book. Statistics and laws and chronology appear in appendix. Photographs. Bibliographical notes, notes, index.

Fine Arts

†Cheney, Sheldon. The story of modern art. Viking Press $5 **709**

From the time of Jacques-Louis David, and other French neoclassicists of the late 18th century, the author traces the development of modern art to the present day in a stimulating and informing survey which deals with the art of painting alone, and in which the story of modernism is told chronologically in terms of the life and works of each of the great revolutionaries. The text is supplemented by 373 reproductions of representative paintings. Bibliography, index.

†Gomez, Natalie. Your garden in the city. Oxford Univ. Press $3 **710**

Based on the author's own experiences as a city gardener, this practical volume, designed for the amateur, describes and analyzes the main problems of the city garden whether on the ground or on a roof-top. The chapter on design is followed by a number of workable, flexible "master plans," while other chapters discuss soil, insect pests, window boxes, terraces and roof gardens etc. Finally there is a section on the selection of plant material appropriate to the design and tolerant of city conditions, with special attention to each plant's requirements of soil, moisture, sun or shade. Photographs. Short list of garden books, index.

Láng, P. H. Music in western civilization. Norton $5 **780.9**

Authoritative, comprehensive and readable history of music which is neither a technical nor biographical essay but "a chronicle of the participation of music in the making of Western civilization" by an associate professor of musicology at Columbia University. Useful as a reference volume. Maps. Photographic reproductions of paintings, of sculpture, a Greek vase etc. Notes, bibliography, index.

Rosten, L. C. Hollywood. Harcourt $4 **791.4**

"On the one hand, this volume is a heavily documented account of the economics and organization of Hollywood; on the other, it is a scintillating social analysis that can be read for pleasure as well as profit. On the documentary side, it provides valuable information about a major industry with a capital investment of two billion dollars. The most fascinating portions of the book, however, are the two hundred pages devoted to putting Hollywood under the microscope of social science." Adapted from the *Atlantic Bookshelf*, January 1942.

The volume is based on a study made possible by grants from the Carnegie and Rockefeller foundations. Other fields of inquiry are reserved for later publication. Appendixes contain social data, production costs, weekly salaries etc. Reference notes, index of subjects.

†Ullman, J. R. High conquest. Lippincott $3.75 **796.52**

A spirited story of mountaineering, presenting in broad outline the history of the relationship between mountains and men over the past two centuries from the birth of the sport in the Alps on to modern mechanization and specialization. Here are some of the great climbing stories, magnificent but heartbreaking assaults, triumphs and tragedies in the Alps, in North and South America and in the Himalayas. When he comes to the craft of mountaineering, the author, though concerned with facts, is much more eager to indicate "the breadth and richness and infinite variety of the climber's world." Map on end papers, sketch maps, remarkably fine photographs. In appendixes may be found a list of 100 famous mountains, a glossary, reading list and index.

Literature

Brooks, Van Wyck. Opinions of Oliver Allston. Dutton $3 **818.5**

In tracing the development and literary point of view of his late lamented friend, Allston, a man who was "a predestined writer and critic," Van Wyck Brooks has set down, in topical sections and in the form of "jottings" from Allston's journals his own literary reflections and his political and literary beliefs, his opinions on such questions as expatriation, communism, socialism, the practice of criticism, coterie-literature and nationalism and regionalism. For the more discriminating reader.

Goodman, Jack, & Green, A. B. How to do practically anything; an easy guide to complete chaos in your business life, your social life and your love life. Simon $1.75 **817.5**

As "experienced blunderers," the authors explain with unerring exactitude "how to do practically anything. Incorrectly." If the solid citizen desires to learn how to ski, sail a boat, operate a miniature camera or even drive a car, all that is necessary is to remember to do nothing that Messrs Goodman and Green do — in fact, to do just the opposite. In the meantime anyone may have a very hilarious time patronizingly contemplating the gyrations of these gentlemen as they endeavor to extricate themselves from their self-inflicted predicaments. Animated pen and ink sketches by Anne Cleveland. Most of the material in the book appeared in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

Kreymborg, Alfred, *ed.* Poetic drama. Modern Age Books $5 **808.82**

In the first comprehensive anthology of poetic drama to be compiled either in England or America it is the author's purpose to view poetic drama in the light of the past, present and future, and it is his aim to make it "a continuous plea for an indivisible people's and artists' theater." Certain plays could not be included because of inadequate translation, too great length etc. Introduced by a brief but informing sketch of the history of poetic drama from the Greeks to the present time, each of the 33 plays is preceded by Kreymborg's comment on the author and his work, lists of his other plays and list of supplementary read-

ing. A valuable and diverse collection including the *Acharnians* by Aristophanes, *The chalk circle*, anonymous Chinese, *Everyman*, English morality, *Volpone* by Ben Jonson, *Cinna* by Corneille, *The death of Eve* by William Vaughn Moody, *The fall of the city* by Archibald MacLeish and others. Supplementary lists and reading.

Matthiessen, F. O. American renaissance. Oxford Univ. Press $5 **810.9**

In the half-decade of 1850–55, the time of "the American renaissance," Emerson, Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville and Whitman produced works of great imaginative vitality. In this important volume, significant for its sound scholarship and penetrating literary analysis, the author has placed the work of these five major writers both in their age and ours, "following certain of their books through their implications . . . assessing them in relation to one another and to the drift of our literature since, and as far as possible evaluating them in accordance with the enduring requirements for great art." Reproductions of paintings and photographs. Chronology, index.

Noyes, Alfred. Shadows on the down, and other poems. Stokes $2.50 **821.91**

In his first collection of new poems in 16 years, Alfred Noyes writes with deep feeling, and with felicity of phrase, of lost worlds, of memories, "clear as a bell," of faith and childhood, of war and of a dear land called "home."

Osgood, C. G. Poetry as a means of grace. (Levi P. Stone lectures in Princeton Theological Seminary, 1940) Princeton Univ. Press $2 **809.1**

A suggestive and challenging volume in which the author, formerly Holmes professor of belles lettres in Princeton University, advises the reader to adopt some one great author, presumably a poet, as "his lifelong companion . . . and the most intimate member of his intellectual household." As exemplars of the great writers who offer "an abundant source of refreshment and strength, a confirmation of spiritual truth and an elevation to a more comprehensive view of life," Mr Osgood presents Dante, Spenser, Milton and Samuel Johnson, showing how each one is great. Unusually attractive in format and of appeal to the discriminating reader. Index.

White, E. B. & White, *Mrs* **K. S.,** *eds.* A subtreasury of American humor. Coward $3 **817.08**

Arranged in 13 convenient groups, each group prefaced by a brief introduction, appears a rich collection of "funny pieces" by American writers from Benjamin Franklin, Mark Twain, Artemus Ward, H. C. Bunner to Clarence Day, Dorothy Parker, Thurber, Mencken and others. There is an excellent general introduction by Mr White. Occasional drawings. Index of authors and titles.

History

Bevin, Ernest. Balance sheet of the future. McBride $2.75 **940.534**

The approach of England's Minister of Labor and National Service to various economic and political problems is of interest and significance to Americans. In this volume various speeches he has delivered over a period of years have been coordinated into themes. Part I deals with statements, made since Mr Bevin's appointment as Minister, concerning the Reorganization of industry, the Problems of the home front, the Impact of war etc. Part II goes back to his career as a labor leader and the themes discussed are The Britain I want to see, the Commonwealth, Health in industry, Trade unions and war, and the Workers' advocate. Sources.

Biddle, *Mrs* **M. S.** The women of England. Houghton $1.75 **940.534**

The magnificent and important part English women play in every type of war work they are engaged in, whether the work is dramatic or monotonous, or, as it is almost sure to be, dangerous, described by Margaret Biddle who was in England during the "blitz" as wife of the American Ambassador to Poland and other governments of occupied countries stationed in London. In about 100 pages the author considers the three main types of women's war work — Service with the Forces, Navy, Army and Air Force, Voluntary work among civilians and Work in the official Civil Defense directed by the Ministry of Home Security. She not only explains the development and the duties

of each type of work but tells of the experiences of women she met on her visits to the headquarters of the "Wrens" (Women's Royal Naval Service), air raid shelters, Rescue Party Depots etc. Frontispiece chart of women's war work, photographs.

Borton, Hugh. Japan since 1931; its political and social developments. (Institute of Pacific relations inquiry ser.) Institute of Pacific relations. American council $1.25 **952**

A well-documented discussion of the significant alterations in Japan's internal economic, political and social structure in the decade following 1930, by an assistant professor of Japanese at Columbia University. Important papers given in appendixes. Bibliographical note, index.

Davies, J. E. Mission to Moscow. Simon $3 **947.084**

In publishing a selection from his confidential despatches to the State Department, official and personal correspondence, current diary and journal entries written during the period (1936 to 1938) he was United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr Davies desires to present "a more accurate concept of the Soviet government, its leaders and its people." From his point of vantage he describes honestly what he saw and experienced in Russia and with keen perspicuity comments on the kaleidoscopic changes in the European situation which he brings up to date with additional notes written after leaving Russia. Photographs. Chronology, additional information in appendix, index.

Gessler, C. F. Tropic landfall; the port of Honolulu. Doubleday $3.50 **996.9**

In discursive, episodic, often picturesque chapters the life of Honolulu is portrayed from early times to the present. There are many stories of pirates and mutineers, of legendary explorers, of shipwreck, of venturesome voyages out of Honolulu; there are glimpses of Hawaii as a kingdom, of its rulers and of court life and of the events leading up to annexation by the United States; there are descriptions of the crops that have made Island prosperity, of the defense system centered at Oahu and of the different elements in Hawaii today, including the native Hawaiian, the missionary element, the economic oligarchy, the Army and Navy and the Japanese. Pictorial map. Reproductions of old prints and portraits. Index.

Hayden, J. R. The Philippines; a study in national development. Macmillan $9 **991.4**

Based on historical sources and supplemented by the author's varied personal experiences in the Philippines as professor, newspaper correspondent and as vice governor, 1933–35, and as acting governor general for six months, this is a most comprehensive and accurate study of the development of a nation in the Philippine islands. Though the war between Japan and the United States broke out after the completion of the main text, the author states in his preface that whatever the effects of the conflict upon the Philippines as a nation may be, "the character and institutions of the Filipino people will continue to be shaped in large measure by the political forces and experiences" which he has described in this volume. There are valuable sections on People and government, Political parties and national leadership, Education for nationhood, External relations, and such problems as those of health, literacy and literature. Photographs, maps. Appendixes contain the Philippine Commonwealth and Independence law and the Constitution of the Philippines. Notes, index.

Horn, Florence. Orphans of the Pacific; the Philippines. Reynal $3.50 **991.4**

Journalistic in style and tempo, this volume written before the Japanese attack on the islands, is at the present time of value for its descriptive account of the Filipinos, their customs and economic and social conditions, their politics and political leaders, their industries and resources, their cities and towns and military preparations as well as of other population groups — American, Spanish, Chinese, Moros, pagans and the Japanese. Photographs, map on end papers. Index.

†**Lengyel, Emil.** Dakar; outpost of two hemispheres. Random House $2 **966.32**

Dakar, capital of French West Africa, has become a key point on the changing map of the world, and a po-

tential danger to all the Americas. In this timely, journalistic narrative, the author sketches in the historic background of Dakar, describes French West Africa, its people, its products and its history, while devoting one chapter to the importance of the Trans-Saharan railroad, one to the problem of the French Colonial Empire in general, another to Dakar's vital importance to the United States, and a final chapter to the strategic importance of the Azores, the Madeiras, the Canaries and the Cape Verde islands, as bases in the present war. Map on end papers, frontispiece map, two photographs. Bibliography, index.

†**Nevins, Allan.** This is England today. Scribner $1.25 **940.534**

"The essential changes in a nation racked and altered as never before in its history by the demands of a desperate war" as observed by an American historian who during the first half of 1941 was the Harmsworth professor of American history in the University of Oxford. Among the subjects discussed are the effect of the bombings on the aspect and spirit of Britain, the handling of the food problem, the government's tasks in relation to industry and war production, the attempt to give cultural agencies a broader usefulness. In the last chapter are listed those wartime changes the author thinks likely to have permanent results.

†**Rolo, C. J.** Radio goes to war. Putnam $2.75 **940.5**

"More flexible in use and infinitely stronger in emotional impact than the printed word, as a weapon of *war waged psychologically* radio has no equal" and is in fact a "fourth front," land, sea and air fronts being the other three. Informing, popular in style, this volume considers the uses to which the radio is being put today by the various countries at war. Several chapters are devoted to analyses of Germany's radio campaigns and to the work of the men who have led them — against England, France and the United States and Latin America. Other chapters describe the role of the British, Russian, Japanese and American radios in wartime. In conclusion the author emphasizes the need for "an all-out democratic offensive on the psychological front." Photograph frontispiece. How short wave works is explained in appendix. Index.

St John, Robert. From the land of silent people. Doubleday $3 **940.534**

Present in Belgrade when heroic little Yugoslavia futilely attempted to defy Hitler by staging a coup d'état, the author, an American war correspondent, was placed in a desperate situation when the Nazi bombers came over and the death knell of the nation sounded. This is St John's gripping, unsparing, honest record of the next four searing weeks of the Balkan campaign, of his own ghastly experiences witnessing the tragedies of trapped, helpless, wounded people, in flight himself, pursued by the bombers until at length he reached Cairo and safety. Those who do not want to know how terrible war is should not read this vivid, unvarnished book.

†**Tourtellot, A. B.** The Charles. (Rivers of America ser.) Farrar $2.50 **974.4**

This colorful, engaging chronicle of what life along the Charles river has been in the three centuries since white men settled in the valley is told in terms of the men who were linked significantly with the innovations, the changes and the progress described. From the account of Eliot the Apostle who strove to build a Utopia for the Indians at Nonantum, on to the stories of the difficult beginnings of Harvard under the ministrations of the wicked Nathaniel Eaton, and of the construction and launching of the frigate "Constitution," the river is shown playing an important part in the establishment of democracy, and later in the establishment of the arts and of prosperity. Decorated end pages and title page. Map. Pen and ink sketches by Ernest J. Donnelly are scattered through the text. Sources, bibliography, index.

Description and Travel

Daniels, Jonathan. Tar heels, a portrait of North Carolina. (Sovereign states ser.) Dodd $3 **917.56**

A native son of North Carolina, the author, who sees not only the beauty and the good, but also the faults of the state, stresses that the distinction of North Carolina is in "the continuity of peoples, of the pioneer possibility of equality and comradeship in equality." Like the painter of a panorama, Daniels

dips his brush now into the past, now into the present, and in his skilful blending of color and in his picturesque portraiture of prominent men of industry and of tobacco growing as well as of the minor figures caught in converse in café or filling station, he brings into relief the progress and changes in town and city and he sees in its sense of humor North Carolina's unifying force. Map on end papers. Index.

Deuel, W. R. People under Hitler. Harcourt $3.50 **914.3**

With vitriolic pen and well-authenticated facts the Berlin correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News* from 1934 to 1941, tells "the story of the human beings involved in the greatest tragedy of modern times — the Nazi revolution, culminating in the Second World War." Deuel asks and answers two vitally important and timely questions: "What was there in the lives of the German people, and all the others, that made the Nazi revolution and the Second War possible? What are the revolution and the war, in turn, doing to the human beings upon whom they impinge?" Bibliographical note, index.

†**Fergusson, Erna.** Our Hawaii. Knopf $3.50 **919.69**

With her accustomed fluent style and zestful interest in a people's customs, traits, legends, magic rites and beliefs, the author of *Our Southwest* describes a visit of several months on the various islands of "our most colorful — and most important — outpost in the Pacific." Wherever she went Erna Fergusson investigated the significance of the old dances and saw many interpretations of them, but she relates as well her experiences on cattle ranches and as guest of a pineapple company, or her vivid impressions of the life of the people and the beauties of the scene as she visited in homes or drove around the islands. Map on end papers and four other maps. Clear photographs. Glossary, index.

†**Grattan, C. H.** Introducing Australia. Day $3 **919.4**

An important, concise survey of Australia, its history, politics, industry, labor conditions and cultural life, its position in the first and second World Wars and its international position and postwar tasks. The American author is familiar with Australia both through study and travel, including a 20-month visit made possible by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation in 1937–38. Photographs, two maps. Chronology. Statistical notes, reading list, index.

†**Kelsey, Vera.** Brazil in capitals. Harper $3.50 **918.1**

The second World War and other "cosmic events" forced Vera Kelsey to give up the idea of writing a practical guide book about Brazil. Instead, in this companion volume to *Seven keys to Brazil,* she describes Brazil's old, new and unofficial capitals from every possible angle, thus "illuminating the story of the country from its earliest colonization to its latest technological development." What to see in each capital and excursions to be taken in the surrounding country are included. Map. Decorated end papers, photographs in sepia. Notes, bibliography, index.

†**Leigh, Randolph.** Forgotten waters; adventure in the Gulf of California. Lippincott $3.50 **917.2**

"Convinced that one of the most dazzling and least known regions of this hemisphere is right at our back door," Mr Leigh bought a 35-ton schooner in the fall of 1940 and with a lively crew of scientific experts sailed through the Panama canal and up into the Gulf of California to get a complete picture of this "last great, near-to-home frontier." Informing and readable, the various chapters, telling what the members of the expedition did and what they found, relate the history of different parts of the region, describe the old missions, a visit to a bird island, pearl diving and shark hunting as well as a struggle with a 3800-pound mobula, a powerful member of the ray family. The purchase of Baja California by the United States is recommended. Maps, photographs. Bibliography, index.

†**Schurz, W. L.** Latin America. Dutton $3.75 **918**

A comprehensive, sound and unbiased descriptive survey which "considers Latin America as a unit." The author, who has spent much time in Latin American countries in various diplomatic and commercial capacities and who has also taught Latin American history and been a special writer on Latin American affairs, relies not only on his own observation but on wide

reading in source material. The subject is treated under the following headings: Land, History, People, Government, Economy, International relations, Way of life. Map on end papers. Glossary, index.

†**Stevens, W. O.** Forever England. Dodd $3 **914.2**

In view of the ruthless havoc wrought by Hitler's Luftwaffe on the towns and villages of England, these random recollections of the author-artist's happy wanderings along English lanes, under cathedral arches, in the environs of ancient castles or moated manors have a nostalgic charm for anyone who has journeyed through any part of England. The delightful pen and ink sketches will help visualize for others the historic and picturesque, the beautiful and the curious that is to be found in these glimpses of Kent and Sussex, of Devon, of Winchester and London. Map on end papers. Frontispiece in color. Index.

Thompson, V. M. Thailand, the new Siam. (Institute of Pacific relations; International research ser.) Macmillan $5 **915.93**

Encyclopedic reference book for the intelligent student dealing in minute detail with Siamese history, politics, economics, religion, social problems, education etc. The completion of this well-documented study synchronized with the outbreak of the second World War. Frontispiece map. Bibliography, bibliographical notes. Lists of major foreign companies in Siam, Siamese newspapers and periodicals. Footnotes, index.

Biography

Barton, Clara. **Williams, B. C.** Clara Barton; daughter of destiny. Lippincott $3.50 **B** *or* **92**

A scholarly, richly detailed chronicle of the many phases of the career and achievements of a remarkable and great woman, the founder of the American Red Cross. Based on Clara Barton's diaries and letters, hitherto unused, the factual narrative follows her on to the battlefields of the Civil War, in her humanitarian services during the Franco-Prussian War and during all her efforts toward the establishment of the Red Cross, her directions of relief work in flood, drought and epidemic, together with her personal relationships and friendships. Portrait frontispiece, photographs, facsimile of handwriting. Further material in appendixes concerning the Red Cross, and Clara Barton's papers. Index.

†*Bowditch, Nathaniel.* **Berry, R. E.** Yankee stargazer. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.50 **B** *or* **92**

Young Nathaniel Bowditch of Salem was an inquiring boy, possessed of a zeal for learning and undismayed by the pinch of poverty. At 13 Nathaniel had compiled a notebook on navigation. This is a faithful re-creation of the famous author of the *New American practical navigator,* a book first published in 1802 and in revised form in use by navigators today. The record follows him from his midnight burning of candles in the study of borrowed books to his sea voyages first as clerk and finally as master, through his successful career as business man and astronomer in Salem and Boston. Portrait frontispiece and other portraits. Sources, index.

†*Churchill, Winston Spencer.* **Guedalla, Philip.** Mr. Churchill. Reynal $3 **B** *or* **92**

In a well-integrated, urbane and smoothly flowing narrative, are unfolded the various and varied chapters in the notable and extraordinary career of Winston Churchill. Touching lightly on the childhood and education of the lively, red-headed individualistic son of the lovely Jeannette Jerome and Randolph Churchill, "the Peter Pan of politics," Guedalla, making excellent use of Churchill's own writings, brings out the color, the drama and the essential facts of his years as a cavalry subaltern, his adventures as a correspondent in the Boer War, his literary successes and the triumphs and failures, chances and changes of his long political career to the present time of challenge and crisis. Photographs. Authorities, index.

DuPont, Alfred I. **James, Marquis.** Alfred I. DuPont, the family rebel. Bobbs $4.50 **B** *or* **92**

Alfred I. DuPont, subject of this absorbing, sound and entertaining biography, was the eldest son of the eldest son of the eldest son of the

illustrious founder of the DuPont dynasty, owners of the great powder works. As a young man, Alfred went into the business when it was ruled by his masterful great-uncle, Henry, and from being "a small potato at the bottom of a very tall pile" he rose to the vice presidency of the vast industrial company. This, then, is the story of Alfred DuPont's connection with the DuPont Company, of his financial, political and family affairs and the variety of his personal business activities and interests and at the same time an excellent portrait-study of a many-sided man, possessed of boundless energy, skill and creative ability. Genealogical chart. Photographs. Notes, index.

Infeld, Leopold. Quest; the evolution of a scientist. Doubleday $3

B *or* **92**

In this moving and self-analytical chronicle, the author, a Jewish scientist who in recent years has collaborated with Albert Einstein in research and writing, describes his sufferings and hardships, his motives and emotions in his efforts to escape through scientific education first from the ghetto environment of Cracow, and then through the years to overcome the almost insuperable barriers put in his path by the proponents of anti-Semitism as he endeavored to obtain university training and teaching positions in a Poland and Germany increasingly hostile to Jews, until at last with hope lost, he decided to try his luck in America. The book affords insight into the Jewish problem and into Jewish psychology as well as into the scientific mind. The chapters dealing with Einstein will have special interest for some readers.

Mayo brothers. **Clapesattle, Helen.** The Doctors Mayo. Univ. of Minnesota Press $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

Beginning in the 1860's with their father's career as a horse and buggy doctor in the busy little town of Rochester, Minn., this is the meticulously detailed record of the professional and personal lives of the world-famous brothers, William and Charles Mayo, who "turned a pin point on the charts of commerce into a great starred capital on the map of medicine." The brothers are vividly characterized and differentiated from each other, while their activities and great achievements are amply described together with those of the doctors working with them at the clinic they created. Incidentally the narrative illuminates the progress of medicine during the past century. The author, a trained historian, based her study on wide research and reading and personal interviews. Photographs. Bibliographical notes, index.

Mitchell, Elizabeth (*Mrs* C. E. Mitchell). Music with a feather duster. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Vividly flashing reminiscences of a woman who "fifty years ago with flying pigtails mounted a wild hobby, Music" and is still happily riding it. Here she tells with gay wit and irony of her own musical education as an amateur pianist from her first devastating experience with a knuckle-rapping spinster on to the moment when dropping a heavy load of snobbism and her feather duster method of playing, she put herself under such excellent teachers as Rudolph Gantz and Rubin Goldmark. Moving to New York, Mrs Mitchell's love of music drew many artists to her home and to her musical parties, and there are amusing anecdotes of these occasions. Pen and ink sketches by Rea Irvin reflect the author's lively humor.

†*Shreve, Henry Miller.* **Dorsey, F. L.** Master of the Mississippi; Henry Shreve and the conquest of the Mississippi. Houghton $3.75

B *or* **92**

In the beginning of his vitally important connection with the development of the Mississippi valley and the commerce of the West, young and dynamic Henry Shreve, master of a hand-run barge "sailed and rowed, poled and bushwhacked" with his crew in the arduous effort to transport goods up and down the river. How during the following years he designed the first steamboat capable of navigating the river upstream, how with placid Quaker persistence he fought the Livingston-Fulton monopoly, and later cleared the waterways of the timber deposits of centuries, thus opening up rich districts to settlement, is related in a well-documented chronicle, which does not fail to sketch in the historic background. Attractive in format, the volume is illustrated with colored reproductions of old prints. Notes, bibliography, index.

†Umbreit, K. B. Founding fathers. Harper $3.50 **B** *or* **92**

To these biographical studies of six of the eminent Americans who "shaped our tradition," the author brings a lively and inquiring mind and a fresh approach. His interest is in personality rather than achievement; in what manner of men they were rather than in what they did, and he has made use of the volumes and volumes of letters, journals and diaries of the men themselves and of their contemporaries. Those discussed in the order of their inclusion are Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry and George Washington. Portraits in sepia. Bibliographical note, index.

Fiction

Buck, *Mrs* **P. S.** Dragon seed. Day $2.50

From the moment the Japanese soldiers come ravaging the land and bringing death and destruction, Ling Tan, a peasant of little learning but of great wisdom and dignity, decides, when others flee, to stay on his deeply loved land, since he can not "roll it up and take it with him." Through five long years Ling Tan, his "gusty," clever wife and his sons "tighten their hearts to endure what can scarcely be endured," waging constant secret warfare on the enemy. Unflinching in description of the horrors of Japanese invasion, written with a deep integrity and an understanding of Chinese peasant character, this is first and foremost an absorbing human document.

Carmer, C. L. Genesee fever. Farrar $2.50

After his arrest as a rebel against liquor taxes in Philadelphia, Nathan Hart makes a dash for freedom, and, coming into the rich Genesee country of up-state New York in 1793 finds Captain Williamson, agent of the North American Land Company, determined to make the region an independent state and "the seat of American aristocracy." Settling in the midst of the picaresque, fantastic, motley array of individuals drawn to the new and growing community of Bath, Nathan, easily stirred to love, becomes involved first with a half-breed Indian girl of beauty and courage, then with the chief handmaiden of the Universal Friend, a fanatical religious leader, and then with one of the aristocrats who tries to lure him away from his democratic principles. How Nathan solves his conflicting problems is related against the crowding tumultuous events typical of this "western wilderness." Occasional readers may find some scenes objectionable.

†Edmonds, W. D. Young Ames. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $2.50

Without a penny or relation to his name, cocky young Ames descends upon New York in the 1830's from his home outside of Troy, bent on making his fortune, and straightway becomes "the most junior, junior clerk" in a big shipping concern at $75 a year. In no time at all young Ames is being entrusted with important missions and has the effrontery to fall in love with the niece of the senior member of the firm. The youth's fortunate exploits in business for his employers and for himself on the side, the progress of his romance and his final decision to stick by the firm, practically wiped out by the great New York fire, are related with verve against a background of incidents typical of New York during that period. Episodes from the novel have appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post.*

Freeman, M. J. Bitter honey. Macmillan $2.50

Engaging young David Ward, "just past 'leven," gets many a "trimming" from his stern old Grandma for what she considers his sins of omission and commission, but his volatile spirits are soon soaring and anyway he is often lucky in not being caught in his childish escapades. In relating these escapades and all those things which would naturally fill a boy's waking hours in a mid-western village 30 years ago, the author, with smiling humor and a sure knowledge that betokens remembrance of things past, enters into the swiftly veering moods connected with David's hopes and fears, his joys and disappointments, and what is more he carries the reader right along with him.

Greenwood, Robert. Mr Bunting in peace and war. Bobbs $2.50

Mr Bunting, a worrying, middle-aged Englishman, slightly balloonish in figure, finds himself after long years

as manager of the ironmongery department in a London store, eased out of his job because he is too old-fashioned. When this happens his sons lightheartedly jettison the prosaic careers he has planned for them and become self-supporting. The war reinstates Mr Bunting in the store and at home and he reorganizes his life to meet its daily hazards and horrors, aware he is not heroic but that he and his can "endure." Attractive, humorous and veracious in its characterization of the Buntings, a typical little middle-class English family.

Kaye-Smith, Sheila. The secret son. Harper $2.50

When old Sir Charles Wakeham, squire of Sheddingfold Manor in Sussex, sells Shiprods Farm for centuries part of the estate, he is not aware of the purchaser's identity, and finds to his consternation that a cheap building development, six houses to the acre, is planned by the new owner, crooked-dealing old Rumbeam. While Rumbeam is "scrambling up" his houses, his handsome lazy half-gypsy son is becoming enamored of Sir Charles' granddaughter, and his other unrecognized illegitimate son sees a longed-for opportunity to get even with his father for humiliating treatment dealt him over the years. The tangled strands of a plot complicated by the interests of various cleverly individualized characters are brought skilfully to an unexpected, and, in many ways, satisfying dénouement.

Lin, Yu-t'ang. A leaf in the storm. Day $2.50

Because Japan was engaged in reckless, indiscriminate looting and bestiality in the occupied areas of China, forty million refugees abandoned their homes and fled like storm-tossed leaves into the interior. Against a sharply etched background of real events and typical experiences arising from this great migration, the author traces what the war does to the life and romance of Malin, a beautiful Chinese girl, when she is swept out of her sheltered life into work for the refugees in Hankow. A many-faceted story revelatory of Chinese life and character under war conditions. Sketch map frontispiece.

Maurois, André. A time for silence; tr. by Edith Johannsen. Appleton-Century $2

In the French province of Perigord in the late 1920's birth, land and money are still all-powerful, and newcomers are admitted to society only by the decree of old Madame de La Guichardie who rules the countryside like a sovereign. How this indomitable old woman comes to learn of a tangled web of deceit and silence in the lives of her protégés, the Romillys, a delightful and devoted couple with a beautiful marriageable daughter Colette is related with subtle artistry and penetrating character analysis.

Meeker, Arthur. The ivory mischief. Houghton $3

The glittering, brittle, sterile life of the famous beauties, the professional flirts of the 17th century is epitomized and vividly re-created in this profusely detailed portrayal of the intrigues and scandalous behavior of the very beautiful, very immoral "reigning queen of the mode," Cateau de la Louppe, and her less shrewd but equally exquisite sister Magdelon, both early married, both passing down the primrose path to a vigorous and self-centered old age. An occasional reader may find the book overlong or objectionable.

Norway, N. S. (Nevil Shute, *pseud.*) Pied piper. Morrow $2.50

Because of his 70 years, John Howard has tried in vain to get something to do in the war, and his sense of frustration and restlessness has taken him to the French Jura for the fishing. When he decides he must get back to England, he agrees to take two young English children with him, aware that he is headed straight into the path of the invading Germans. Picking up several other helpless and deserted children, the valiant old man makes his increasingly precarious way afoot toward the coast with his wearily straggling little followers. Whether or not this "Pied piper" is to win through to safety, and the realistic detail with which every step of the journey is described lend suspense and credibility to an absorbing story.

Pratt, Theodore. Mr. Limpet. Knopf $1.75

Afterwards Mr Limpet couldn't decide whether he had fallen or jumped. As he had stood on the pier at Coney

Island with Bessie, his henpecking wife, and his irritating friends, the Stickles, the sound of an airplane, symbol of the war engulfing the world, in his ears, he had wished to be a fish and the next thing he knew, he was a large, handsome fish, his only tie with his old life his eyeglasses, still perched on his long nose. Mr Limpet's subsequent career in the war and in love makes a fantastic little story, cleverly and humorously conceived. Garret Price's pen and ink sketches reflect the appealing quality of the text very delightfully.

Thirkell, *Mrs* **A. M.** Northbridge rectory. Knopf $2.50

Once the quiet English village of Northbridge could have done with a little more animation, but now with probable invasion at its door, the village hums with every sort of benevolent and civilian defense activity. In this sparkling, gaily ironic comedy the emphasis is upon the ludicrous and fatuous, the highly enthusiastic and as swiftly waning efforts of a particular group of villagers bent on "feeling useful" in the national emergency. Especially diverting are the attempts of an unprepossessing, cultured dragon to frighten away the spinsters and widows of Northbridge from her brainy protégé, and the blitheringly sentimental attitude of a young officer toward the lovely Mrs Villars, happily engrossed in her husband, the rector.

Wallace, *Mrs* **Kathleen.** Without signposts. Putnam $2.50

The advisability of getting out of London in the summer of 1940 brings a young widow, Tamsin Heywood, and her children to a remote Devon village and a ramshackle guest house run by an astonishing, impractical yet indomitable old Russian refugee, Marie, and her grandchild Kyra, who yearns for a settled home life which she has never known. As the months pass and the chances of war bring strangers to this little group, friendships and romances flourish. A pleasant story which, though not overlooking the sorrows and anxieties and dangers of war, stresses the pluck and gallantry and sanity with which the English are adapting their lives to every situation no matter how fantastic, comic or harrowing.

Wodehouse, P. G. Money in the bank. Doubleday $2

Lord Uffenham, in need of ready money, has let Shipley Hall. Unfortunately he had previously hidden the entire family funds, a packet of extremely valuable diamonds, on the premises and more than unfortunately has forgotten where he hid them. So the only possible course is for him to stay on, posing as the butler, to continue his hunt for the jewels, while his attractive niece poses as secretary-companion. To cap the climax young Jeff Miller, a romantic young man about town is by chance mistaken for a detective and engaged to watch the butler. A bizarre chronicle in the best Wodehousian tradition.

Mystery and detective stories

Bailey, Hilea, *pseud.* **(R. L. Marting)** The smiling corpse. (Crime club) Doubleday $2

Brown, *Mrs* **Zenith (Leslie Ford, David Frome,** *pseuds.***)** Murder with southern hospitality. Scribner $2

Christie, Agatha. Evil under the sun. Dodd $2

Eberhart, *Mrs* **M. G.** With this ring. Random House $2.50

Queen, Ellery, *pseud.* **(Frederic Dannay & Manfred Lee),** *ed.* 101 years' entertainment; the great detective stories, 1841–1941. Little $3

Rice, Craig (*Mrs* **Lawrence Lipton)** Trial by fury. Simon $2

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